

California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast
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NOTICE OF BOARD HEARING—NEW DATE

Basin Plan Amendment Regarding Russian River Pathogens

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Coast Water Board will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the Staff Report for the Action Plan for Pathogens in the Russian River Watershed and the proposed Action Plan for Pathogens in the Russian River Watershed. The public hearing that was previously noticed as scheduled for June 12th or 13th, 2025 has been changed to **August 14th or 15th, 2025 at 9:00am** in the North Coast Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California. This meeting is scheduled to occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for remote participation via video and teleconference. Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public meeting live webcasts webpage](https://video.calepa.ca.gov) (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>). The meeting will be recorded.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the Board's website at least 10 days in advance of the Board's meetings. The agenda will specify any updates to the meeting format. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Meetings webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/).

Overview

On March 24, 2025 the public review and comment period began for the draft *Action Plan for the Russian River Watershed and Russian River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load* (now "Action Plan for Pathogens in the Russian River Watershed" [Action Plan]) and draft Staff Report for the Action Plan for the Russian River Watershed Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load (now "Staff Report for the Action Plan for Pathogens in the Russian River Watershed" [Staff Report]). The public review and comment period closed on May 8, 2025. The Action Plan is an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan). Upon the effective date of the Action Plan, the *Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to On-Site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices Specific to the Russian River Watershed, Including the Laguna De Santa Rosa*, located in Chapter 4 of the Basin Plan will be deleted.

Document Availability

The Staff Report, proposed Action Plan, Response to Public Comments, and adopting Resolution documents will be available no later than **July 31, 2025** on the [Russian River Pathogen TMDL webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/russian_river) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/russian_river). These files can also be viewed or copied by contacting or visiting the North Coast Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for document reviews and can be

made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Public Comments

Oral comments will be accepted at the hearing. The time limit for oral comments will be 5 minutes; however, additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the North Coast Water Board Chair. A timer may be used, and speakers are expected to honor time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson to avoid unnecessary or repetitive presentations.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Deidre Wilkerson at 707-576-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922 or Deidre.Wilkerson@waterboards.ca.gov at least three days before the scheduled event.

North Coast Water Board Staff Contact

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For future updates on the Russian River Pathogen TMDL, please [subscribe to the email list \(https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast\)](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast) by visiting our subscription site and choosing “Basin Planning” after entering your email address.